

Portage County's Older Population

Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Portage County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	3,186	66.5%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	3,891	81.2%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	561	8.0%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	2,151	30.5%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$43,487	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$30,476	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$19,823	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	445	14.5%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	404	9.4%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	1,957	26.6%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	953	13.0%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,548	34.7%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	979	13.3%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	910	12.4%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	386	5.3%	4.7%
Married	3,964	54.0%	52.9%
Separated	266	3.6%	5.2%
Widowed	2,401	32.7%	31.3%
Divorced	330	4.5%	5.9%
Males , 65 and over, married	2,194	71.5%	71.3%
Females , 65 and over, married	1,770	41.4%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	2,542	36.1%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	858	12.2%	11.9%
With a physical disability	1,537	21.8%	24.1%
With a mental disability	474	6.7%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	479	6.8%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	1,209	17.2%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	200	7.9%	10.6%